

Morris County Heritage Commission
Meeting Minutes
January 10, 2023

Present: Chair Kathy Murphy, Vice Chair Larry Fast, Treasurer Epsey Farrell; HC Commissioners Carol Barkin, John Dunado, Marty Kane, Joe Macasek, and Martha Wells; Director Amanda Hefferan and History Program Development Specialist Nick Palatucci

Absent/Excused: None

Call to Order: Director Amanda Hefferan called the meeting to order at the Morris County Library and via WebEx at 9:31 a.m., and read the Open Public Meeting Statement.

Election of 2023 Officers: Kathy Murphy was re-elected Chair, Larry Fast was re-elected Vice-Chair, Epsey Farrell was re-elected Treasurer, and Martha Wells was elected Secretary.

Meeting Dates for 2023: Second Tuesday of each month. No meeting in August.

Sub-Committee Assignments for 2023: The following Commissioners were added or withdrawn from each sub-committee:

- **Long-Range Plan:** T.C. McCourt withdrawn
- **Marker Program:** T.C. McCourt withdrawn
- **Public Programs/Exhibits:** T.C. McCourt withdrawn and Martha Wells added
- **Re-Grant Program/Grants:** T.C. McCourt withdrawn

Minutes: A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes of December 13, 2022. The motion passed unanimously.

Financial Report: The office continues to operate on a temporary budget pending approval of the FY2023 budget, which is expected to be made official in March or April.

Chair's Report: Chair Murphy wished everyone a Happy New Year, and congratulated HC Commissioner Carol Barkin on her reappointment to a new five-year term by the Board of County Commissioners. Chair Murphy expressed her disappointment that Commissioner T.C. McCourt was not reappointed to a new term and conveyed her thanks for all he had contributed to the Heritage Commission. She suggested that we start to consider someone to recommend for a possible replacement.

County Commissioner's Report: None

Director's/Archive Collection Report: During November, staff activities focused on end-of-year, grants, and research requests. The archives are open to on-site researchers, by appointment only, as well as to requests via phone and email.

Staff has begun to plan for the 2023 exhibit case displays. The Fall 2022 newsletter has been sent out and will be uploaded to the website and social media.

The Heritage Commission offices will be closed on Monday, January 16 (Martin Luther King Day).

Program Development Report: Final vouchers have been sent out for the 2022 re-grant cycle. Mr. Palatucci is wrapping up the final report to be made to the state.

Subcommittee Reports:

- **Archives:** None
- **Grants/Re-Grants:** None
- **Long-Range Plan:** The final document has been sent to the County Administration and is being reviewed by Deena Leary. HC Committee will look over Bylaws.
- **Marker Program:** Markers have been received and will be installed in the spring. Several existing markers need updating.
- **Personnel:** None
- **Public Programs/Exhibits:** None
- **Publications:** Work on the spring newsletter has begun.

Communications: Newsletters have been received from Lake Hopatcong and Boonton.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned without objection at 10:37 a.m.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 14, 2023, at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**Martha Wells
Secretary**